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Fire Kills Three-Year-Old Peterborough Girl

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A devastating early morning blaze killed a three-year-old (pictured) and left an 18-month-old in hospital.

The two small children, who have not been named, were tucked away in the first unit of a townhouse on Herbert Street in Peterborough when the fire broke out around 1am Sunday, trapping them inside. The fire spread to four other units before being contained.

“We believe it started right at the very end. We had a very heavy fire load in unit one – particularly on the second floor,” revealed acting fire chief Trent Gervais.

“Upon arrival we found heavy fire. We found two children trapped in the unit and we got them out and fought the fire.”

The mother of the three-year-old was at work at the time, and had left her toddler with a teenage babysitter. More than five kids were in the sitter’s care at the time.

“It’s heartbreaking. It really is,” observed neighbour Jennifer Hunt. “I know she was struggling. She was working lots of hours just to make money to buy stuff for her kids. She was very upset she didn’t have the money to buy her kids what they needed.”

The fire marshal’s office is still investigating. There’s no word yet on the cause of the blaze.